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In response to the Notice of Incomplete Reply mailed on January 12, 2004, we believe this Notice is not appropriate in this case. In this regard, please note a Notice to File Missing Parts was never received. A copy of the Notice of Incomplete Reply is enclosed for your convenience. If it is determined that the Notice is appropriate, as Applicant never received the Notice of File Missing Parts which the PTO indicates was mailed on March 27, 2002 we request that a new Notice of File Missing Parts be forwarded to Applicant.

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Please note that Applicant was continuously checking on the status of this case and did not receive any communication until October 8, 2003. This communication indicated that the application would be forwarded to the Official of Initial Patent Examination for the preparation and mailing of an official filing receipt.

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The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office has received your reply on 09/28/2001 to the Notice to File Missing Parts (Notice) mailed 03/27/2002 and it has been entered into the nonprovisional application. The reply, however, does not include the following items required in the Notice.

The period of reply remains as set forth in the Notice. You may, however, obtain EXTENSIONS OF TIME under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 (a) accompanied by the appropriate fee (37 CFR 1.17(a)).

A complete reply must be timely filed to prevent ABANDONMENT of the above-identified application. Replies should be mailed to: Mail Stop Missing Parts, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria VA 22313-1450.

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